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CorinneW: Evening

SharonWB: Hello Corinne

SharonWB: and Jeff

Corinne W hugs BJB back and smiles to the rest

JeffC waves

BJB2: Corinne is one of the Tapped In volunteers...she's in Germany and has logged in especially to learn about the learning hub

SharonWB: wonderful!

DoloresG: Hello, Corinne!

CorinneW: yes although it is pretty late, not sure what my staying power is going to be like

CorinneW: Hi Dolores, Sharon, Michael and a tickle for Jeff

SharonWB: So nice to have you with us tonight

CorinneW wishes Dolores was here, to help her rescue a sunken cake

DoloresG: cake?? actually I am much better with breads!

CorinneW: transferable skill though isn't it

DianneA joined the room.

BJB2 hugs Dianne warmly

DianneA hugs Bj hugely

DianneA waves to others hubbers

SharonWB: Hello Dianne!

DianneA: Hello Sharon

MichaelCo: right-o!

SharonWB: Anyone heard from Janet, Nancy, Sue, or Patricia?

SharonWB: I think I remember that Shayne will NOT be joining us tonight

BJB2: Janet is coming

SharonWB: great

BJB2: right about Shayne

BJB2: Dolores said that Pat may come, but may be late

SharonWB: We're just doing a roll call ...

SharonWB: And ... Nancy and Sue?

BJB2: I'll announce in another minute...I know that you have a lot to cover

SharonWB: Thanks!

PatriciaLE joined the room.

SharonWB: Hello Pat!

BJB2: yay! Hi, Pat!

JanetM joined the room.

PatriciaLE: Hi Sharon

DianneA: waves hello to Pat

BJB2: and Janet!

SharonWB: And ... good to see Janet!

PatriciaLE: Hi Dianne

JanetM: Hi

DianneA waves hello to Janet

PatriciaLE: BJB - I came back after my computer crash last week.

BJB2: everything ok now, Pat?

MichaelCo: Hello everyone and thanks to BJ and the Tapped In team for hosting and supporting today's session.

PatriciaLE: I'm with the group tonight not on my computer at home.

BJB2 nods to Pat

BJB2: Thank you and Sharon, Michael for giving us this opportunity!

SharonWB: It's our pleasure.

SharonWB: Before we jump into some new territory

NancyEC joined the room.

BJB2: oh, yay...hi, Nancy

NancyEC: Hi

SharonWB: we wanted to hear back from you all to see if you've had a chance to use any of the 21eTeacher tools we've looked at so far.

DoloresG: we are all here - Sue may join from home if she feels better

NancyEC: We did last week with the vice principal

JanetM: We looked at some last week.

CorinneW sits quietly at the back, having not done her homework

SharonWB: Oh ... tell me more Nancy

DianneA: I have nothing to report other than still having difficulties accessing LearnIT-TeachiT

DoloresG: I tried to get into that site today with no luck - I sent them an e-mail as I have registered two different times

NancyEC: Groups...playing to learn

PatriciaLE: Last week we communicated with each other.

SharonWB: using which tool?

CorinneW thanks Sharon for posting that question

JanetM: I took the principal on the sit to check the calendar - she wants to set up a new web site

SharonWB: Wonderful

BJB2 . o O (Dolores and her group had the school's assistant Principal log in to Tapped In and they took turns showing the TI features to the Principal...they did great!)

SharonWB: one of those teachable moments

NancyEC: Set up an office

SharonWB: I think you'll want to share the tool we're focusing on tonight with LOTS of folks

NancyEC: worked with teammates

PatriciaLE: Private message and chat window.

SharonWB: Excellent.

SharonWB: We're going to take a look at an interesting way to present digital images

NancyEC: Excellent for all of us

SharonWB: This tool is easy

CorinneW: ok, sounds good

SharonWB: fast

NancyEC: Hope so

SharonWB: fool proof

DianneA wonders how important it was for the team to show and tell someone else

NancyEC: Fool proof, too

SharonWB: oh ... yes ...

CorinneW: or fool proof? (or is that an Americanism) ;-)

CorinneW: couldn't resist

CorinneW: sorry

SharonWB: oh ... sorry

SharonWB: got it

SharonWB smiles

JanetM: cute - I like that

CorinneW: back to the photos, who cares about spelling

NancyEC: Not I

BJB2: I thought you were being politically correct, Sharon, by using Foul

PatriciaLE: English teachers.

SharonWB: I also want you to see that you have some back up help in the 21 eTeacher course

SharonWB: to help out

SharonWB: Just checking ...

CorinneW: back up is always reassuring

SharonWB: the problems you've been having are with LearniT-TeachiT's site?

SharonWB: or with the 21eTeacher site?

NancyEC: 21 eteacher site

DianneA: I don't seem to be able to get on to the 21e teacher site; (I am using Firefox with a PC)

SharonWB: we're going to go to a site called ANIMOTO

NancyEC: So are four of us

SharonWB: follow me

NancyEC: How

SharonWB: <http://animoto.com/>

SharonWB: please let me know when you get there

NancyEC: in another window

BJB2 waits to see if everyone gets the url

SharonWB: yes ... thanks for saying that

SharonWB: tell me when you get there, please

DianneA: I have the animoto site open

SharonWB: others?

SharonWB: Janet ... Dolores ... Pat ... Corrine ... with me at ANIMOTO

PatriciaLE: No

BJB2: if you're having trouble opening the site, open another browser window and then type in the url <http://animoto.com/>

SharonWB: please let me know when you get there

SharonWB: there

SharonWB: and if you're having any trouble

NancyEC: I am on animoto

SharonWB: great

SharonWB: Janet?

DianneA: do you want us to sign up Sharon?

JanetM: Yes I am trying to set up my screen

SharonWB: Yes ... please do

SharonWB: it's quick

SharonWB : and as soon as you sign up

SharonWB : you have an account

CorinneW: there too

SharonWB : Please let me know when you have your accounts

CorinneW: ok

JeffC: got one

PatriciaLE: I am there

SharonWB : great

BJB2: you have an account, Pat?

BJB2 . o O (you are going to LOVE this site!)

CorinneW: ok, I'm in

SharonWB : so ... let me check ...

SharonWB : Corinne ... you have your account?

NancyEC: I am signed up

JanetM: I am signed up

SharonWB : Super.

CorinneW: yes

SharonWB : Good

SharonWB : Pat ... got your account?

SharonWB : Dianne?

SharonWB : Dolores?

DianneA: yes, just got in

SharonWB : with your account?

NancyEC: Pat is almost there

SharonWB: super

DianneA: yes Sharon I am signed in in my account

SharonWB: We're going to create a 30-second video ...

SharonWB: right here ...

SharonWB: right now

SharonWB: we asked you to put some digital images on your desk top last time

PatriciaLE: I have signed up.

NancyEC: Sure

NancyEC: We did

SharonWB: You can use those ... or we can use photos in the library.

CorinneW: is there a size limit for the photos

PatriciaLE: They are on the desktop.

SharonWB: Do you see where it says "Create Video"

JanetM: I am so proud - I have my own

BJB2 . o O (good question, Corinne)

SharonWB: Corinne I don't know

SharonWB: we'll see

CorinneW: ok

SharonWB: Please click on Create Video

NancyEC: yes

SharonWB: and let me know when you've done that

PatriciaLE: Yes at the top far right.

SharonWB : yes

PatriciaLE: I'm in

NancyEC: What next

CorinneW: short or full

SharonWB : Choose ... "Animoto short"

SharonWB : With me?

SharonWB : Do you see "Get your images and video"?

PatriciaLE: yes

SharonWB : Good

SharonWB : Nancy

SharonWB : Do you see that?

NancyEC: okay...yes

SharonWB : Anyone else see the "Get your images and video" message?

SharonWB : good

CorinneW: yes I see that should we click on that

SharonWB : This is where there are choices.

SharonWB : If you have images on your desktop ... you will "upload from your computer"

SharonWB : if you don't have any images ready

SharonWB : you will "select from our collection"

SharonWB : if you have images saved someplace like Picassa or Flickr

SharonWB : you could go there

SharonWB : please tell me where you're going to go to get your photos

PatriciaLE: Clicked on upload.

JanetM: I selected upload from my computer

SharonWB: Janet ... do you see what to do next?

SharonWB: or do you want some help?

CorinneW: I am getting a file error

SharonWB: Pat and Janet ... do you see how to get your images from your desk top?

NancyEC: I took photos from my desktop and am getting file error now

PatriciaLE: Pictures are uploading

NancyEC: Had pending first....now file error

SharonWB: Pat ... you're all set ... you just need to wait until the photos upload.

SharonWB: Nancy ... you opened the folder with the photos?

BJB2 wonders if photos have to be in jpeg or gif format?

SharonWB: Yes?

SharonWB: jpeg is what I've used before

CorinneW: mine are though

SharonWB: Corinne ... are yours jpeg?

JanetM: Yes everything is loading - I just have trouble trying to use the two screens-
sorry

SharonWB: Nancy ... jpeg?

CorinneW: 2 file errors, two uploading and two pending

CorinneW: jpeg

SharonWB: No problem ... glad things are loading

NancyEC: Absolutely!

JeffC: you may upload short animated .gifs

SharonWB : Corinne.

SharonWB : you can upload more than one at a time

CorinneW: sorry, did I miss a question

SharonWB : Oh ... I was just suggesting that you can upload more than one at a time

SharonWB : Did you try that?

CorinneW: yes I am trying to do 7, two are up now

NancyEC: Any clue for me....it was "pending...then "file error"

CorinneW: perhaps it is just slow, if I try it in European time it might be faster

CorinneW: nude photos not allowed Nancy, only kiddin'

NancyEC: Should I try again

SharonWB : he he he

NancyEC: Whoops!

SharonWB : yes ... Nancy ... please try again

JanetM: cute

PatriciaLE: good one

CorinneW: four from seven up now

SharonWB : great.

SharonWB : how's everyone else doing?

DianneA: I had trouble loading large files ..

DianneA: that gave me a file error message

JanetM: I am waiting for the pictures

NancyEC: File error again....no pending

DianneA: so I chased some smaller jpeg files from my computer

NancyEC: Should I try less photos

PatriciaLE: pictures are about half way uploaded.

SharonWB: Nancy ... we can only use 10-15

SharonWB: so ... less might be better

NancyEC: That was what I was doing

SharonWB: maybe try them in two smaller batches?

BJB2 . o O (maybe that is where the pic size makes a difference?)

DianneA nods to Bj

SharonWB: BJ ... could be

DianneA: size of files and time of uploading is one aspect

SharonWB: and ... for the sake of learning how to do this ... you can always select from their collection

JeffC: I have to run... here's my "virtual vacation":
<http://animoto.com/play/B8MhwJB141Mlj9Q07jyT6g>

BJB2 . o O (remember you will have all the directions in your transcript)

SharonWB: Dolores ... are you back with us?

CorinneW: valid point Sharon

DianneA: it seemed to me that selecting 10 1+Mb files to upload resulted in the rejection of most and sticking to a limit of say 14MB

PatriciaLE: Dolores is catching up

SharonWB: Great ... thanks for helping her Pat

SharonWB: When you have the pictures loaded

SharonWB: You can move them around

SharonWB: add text

SharonWB: choose the ones to highlight

CorinneW: Nice one Jeff

SharonWB: Nancy ... things going better?

SharonWB: Pat, Janet ... still loading?

JanetM: yes

SharonWB: Corinne ... things working this time?

PatriciaLE: yes

PatriciaLE: yes

JanetM: I have ten loaded but I don't know how to delete the rest - should I just wait?

NancyEC: I signed out and came back. now they are uploading my ten jpg

SharonWB: how many are you waiting for Janet?

JanetM: about five

SharonWB: While we're waiting ... any thoughts about how you might use this with your students?

PatriciaLE: waiting for three more

NancyEC: You could photograph a play

SharonWB: definitely

NancyEC: Do your video version of it

SharonWB: good thought

SharonWB: what else might we do?

DianneA: wow! Jeff!

MichaelCo: How about in a science or math class? How could such digital imaging with animoto might work?

JanetM: mine is a class project - made frames added their vacation pictures and wrote narrative par. - I think the students might like their parents to see it

MichaelCo: Excellent!

NancyEC: I had students dress as Holocaust portraits and speak for the victims

PatriciaLE: mine are finished

SharonWB: oh ... that sounds wonderful

DianneA: here's my rather pedestrian offer (considering Jeff's whizz bang one!)
<http://animoto.com/play/J48uJiu90en054CXUmBrPw>

SharonWB: Great ... Pat's are loaded

MichaelCo: Animoto allows users to auto share their finished productions.

DoloresG: mine are up

SharonWB: BJ is going to set up a spot on the TI Learning Hub so we can share our videos

DianneA: I am considering the possibility of adding voice to a powerpoint collection

BJB2: I've already created a folder on the discussion board for your Animoto urls

SharonWB: Waiting for Nancy ... and Dianne

NancyEC: Only two photos are up

SharonWB: Must be large files

SharonWB: Janet?

SharonWB: photos loaded?

JanetM: finished

DoloresG: my pictures are not very high resolution and the program gave me a message about that - not DVD quality

SharonWB: great

MichaelCo: For a quick tutorial on how animoto works, and a look at a few lesson plans on how it can be incorporated into classroom activities, be sure to check out this site:
<http://tinyurl.com/yc338x5>

JanetM: ok

SharonWB: At the bottom of the storyboard where the photos are loading

CorinneW: getting there, just done the music and stuff

SharonWB: do you all see some images and words ...

SharonWB: T "add text"

NancyEC: Yes

SharonWB: a star .. "spotlight"

CorinneW: yes, tried that, cool

DoloresG: yes

PatriciaLE: yes

CorinneW: wasn't sure what difference the spotlight made, included one

SharonWB: These are tools so you can change or highlight your images

SharonWB: You can add text

CorinneW: so maybe when it is ready I will see what impact it has

NancyEC: Should we add text

SharonWB: If you want ... sure

CorinneW: rendering

SharonWB: Spotlight will hold that image longer

SharonWB: you can delete images

CorinneW: ahh right, cool

SharonWB: and ... rotate if you need

CorinneW: especially useful for longer text sections I guess

SharonWB: yes

CorinneW: or for text when the reader is a non native speaker, as is the case with me

SharonWB : take a minute to add ...

NancyEC: How much text can you ad?

SharonWB : or change ...

SharonWB : there's a limit to characters for each text tile

CorinneW: Jeff was a bit of a show off to get his up and running so quickly

NancyEC: So do we click on it and then a photo

SharonWB : click on it to see

BJB2 . o O (he's like the viral squirrel)

SharonWB : when you double click on the Text

CorinneW: The final version will be saved so that you can edit it later I guess

SharonWB : do you see the Text Tile pop into the storyboard?

CorinneW: a viral squirrel, coool

BJB2: <http://www.nickburcher.com/2009/08/viral-squirrel.html>

SharonWB : Nancy ... do you see how that works/

NancyEC: all my photos are up now

CorinneW: my tech word yesterday was virtual lifeline, guess what mine is

CorinneW: tapped in

CorinneW: still rendering

BJB2 cheers for Corinne...very cool!

CorinneW: ahhh mine is ready

SharonWB : Let me see how everyone is doing

Corinne W: how do I share

SharonWB : Nancy ... did you see how to add the Text Tile?

SharonWB : Janet ... what are you doing now?

SharonWB : Pat ... what are you doing?

SharonWB : Dianne?

SharonWB : Dolores?

JanetM : I'm just waiting because I don't want to add text.

SharonWB : Do you want to spotlight any images?

DianneA notes that at this point is where the time and work start ... I have had some success with the basics, now I want to work more on what is there and finesse my product ...

CorinneW : Just posted mine to my facebook profile, telling them that I learned it here at the learning hub

CorinneW : at tapped in

BJB2 : while we wait, a reminder that there is an Animoto folder in Discussion (featured). Post your animoto url to the discussion board when you are ready to share!

CorinneW accepts the golden stars

JanetM : I want them to be the same

SharonWB : When you're happy with your images

SharonWB : go to step 2

SharonWB : music

DianneA notes that things like reordering the uploading is tricky at animoto, and that means preparation on the desktop and with the selection for uploading is needed

SharonWB : Agreed ... it's easier to make your image choices BEFORE uploading

SharonWB : For music ...

SharonWB : you can choose your own

SharonWB : or select from their collection

BJB2 . o O (that's why the delete key was invented, Dianne ;-) It's easier to play with the tool and then delete the ones that don't work the way you want.)

DoloresG: both Pat and I have too many photos - is there a way to delete some

SharonWB: one good point about selecting from their collection

DianneA remembers spending hours on this kind of application back in 1984/5 with something that was to produce a newsletter ...

SharonWB: the X at the bottom of the storyboard

SharonWB: will delete images

SharonWB: if you choose music from their collection

SharonWB: this is music that you may use with permission from the artists

SharonWB: don't have to worry about copyright

DianneA notes ie you get quick success, then you want to increase quality and that takes time .. and frequently quickly meets the limitations of the software, and that then the issue of learning to use better software to have greater control swings in ...

SharonWB: for this test video ... please try to make a selection quickly

DianneA: ho hum

SharonWB: and then ... once you have the music

SharonWB: you hit finalize

SharonWB: and it renders for you

SharonWB: and out pops your video

SharonWB: you can redo this if you don't like the way it puts things together for you

DoloresG: Oh, duh, I see it

DianneA nods to Bj about use of delete, and about process of playing and duplication, etc

CorinneW: struggling to find out where the URL is for the TI discussion

CorinneW: sorry, for being a dim whit

SharonWB : BJ ... do you have that?

BJB2: do you see the welcome screen, Corinne?

BJB2: scroll down to Featured Items and you will see the Animoto folder under Discussions

MichaelCo : Sharon, this site has a good tutorial about Animoto and a few lesson plans that show how it can be incorporated into classroom projects. <http://tinyurl.com/yc338x5>

SharonWB : Our time is nearly up

JanetM: I had to force quit because the computer just kept spinning

SharonWB : and ... Michael and I want to be sure you know where to find some back up help

CorinneW: in animato or the learning hub?

SharonWB : the link he's just posted will help

BJB2: in the Learning Hub room, Corinne

SharonWB : And ... ANIMOTO is quick and easy ... but it doesn't give you lots of control

SharonWB : over the production

SharonWB : there are other tools that do that

SharonWB : When you have a chance ...

BJB2 . o O (probably not quick and easy though!)

SharonWB : you may want to go back to 21eTeacher

SharonWB : Course 2

SharonWB : the first module is all about Digital Images

SharonWB : and there's more about ANIMOTO there

BJB2: ahhh....great, Sharon!

CorinneW: yes I have already opened a discussion thread but now I can't find where to

locate the url of my new video

SharonWB: and ... how to use the not so easy tools

BJB2: Corinne, post a new topic

SharonWB: One more point ... before we wrap things up

BJB2: and enter the url in the new topic

BJB2 listens to Sharon

SharonWB: you all can enroll for a FULL ANIMOTO package

NancyEC: How much

SharonWB: ANIMOTO for EDUCATION

SharonWB: free

BJB2: cool!

CorinneW: but I can't find the url

NancyEC: Great!!

SharonWB: you won't be limited to 30 second video

DoloresG: wow!

SharonWB: you can have alias for your students

CorinneW jumps up and down in frustration

SharonWB: so your whole class can create their own videos

NancyEC: It would be fun for them!

BJB2: The next Learning Hub Special will be on Tuesday, October 27, at the same time. The topic will be Web 2.0 Tools for Schools with Lynne Wolters

BJB2: Sharon, can you tell Corinne how to get the url for her animoto video?

SharonWB: It will be emailed to her

SharonWB: at the email address she gave when she registered

SharonWB: Before BJ kicks me out ...

PatriciaLE: see you the 27th

SharonWB: here's the link to sign up for the Education package

NancyEC: Thanks

SharonWB: <http://animoto.com/education>

BJB2: Thanks, Sharon and Michael. You were great! And I'm so impressed with the improved skills of this group!

MichaelCo: Sharon, what a terrific introduction to animoto.

SharonWB: Hope everyone tries to make another video

MichaelCo: And to the group, I join in BJ's appreciation of your participation and skills.

SharonWB: soon ... while it's still fresh in your minds

MichaelCo: PLEASE be sure to stop back in the Learning Hub and post your creations so that we can view them.

CorinneW: certainly will

SharonWB: Thanks to all ...

CorinneW: you too

SharonWB: And ... can't wait to hear how you use this with your students

DianneA: Corinne if you have the animoto video open you also have the url in your browser details bar

DianneA: so you can copy and paste

DianneA: that is all I did

SharonWB: Good night everyone

BJB2 waves bye and goes to get some dinner

MichaelCo: Bye!

MichaelCo left the room (signed off).

DianneA: Good night Sharon and thanks again

DoloresG: this is great - thank you so much

NancyEC: Bye! It is cute!!

CorinneW: ok mine is posted

BJB2 looks

CorinneW: need to change the music, if the URL changes I will update the thread

BJB2 nods. I like the music!

BJB2 . o O (it's an interesting contrast to the calm pictures)

CorinneW: good point

BJB2: and really illustrates how important language is

CorinneW: I wanted to add a few photos about the quizzes and TI chats to round up the training and me with the dictaphone in my hand and some funny faces

BJB2: work in progress :-)

CorinneW: I have been really struggling to explain to people what language energy is all about and I think people will get it, if I work on this and put it on the website and email it to the people that I am targeting

CorinneW: yes indeed work in progress

BJB2 sends Corinne to bed. Have fun with the birthday boy tomorrow.

CorinneW: I wish, still got loads of jobs to do

BJB2: I look forward to seeing your finished video

CorinneW: but thanks, I think he is quite excited

BJB2 smiles. Birthdays are fun when you're 6

CorinneW: exactly

CorinneW: Finn is really enjoying his new vorschule

CorinneW: comes home grinning from ear to ear, talking at ten to the dozen

JanetM: I just finished my video and I am so excited.

BJB2: great, Janet!

BJB2: did you post to the discussion board?

JanetM: I think it turned out so cute.

JanetM: I don't remember how to do that but maybe Delores can help me

JanetM: bye

BJB2 waves bye